



**The Chamber of
Commerce of Hawaii**
Since 1850

June 9, 2011

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing to you today to express the support of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii for the AT&T/T-Mobile merger. We are encouraged by the investment and improvement in the mobile broadband network that will be fueled by the merger – meeting the high level of demand for data services and improved cellular coverage from businesses both small and large in Hawaii.

With over 1,100 member companies representing over 200,000 employees, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is the largest organization to serve as “The Voice of Business” in Hawaii.

Telecommunications is essential for any modern business, but as a state comprised of several islands located more than 2,000 miles from the rest of the United States, commerce in Hawaii is especially dependent upon telecommunication. Combining AT&T's and T-Mobile's networks will make more efficient use of currently available spectrum, improving customers dropped call rates and data download speeds. The installation of 4G LTE technology will bring the fastest mobile broadband experience available to within reach of most of Hawaii's population. We expect that these investments will accelerate growth and innovation in not just the high tech sector, but across sectors of business in Hawaii.

Lastly, tourism is a significant component to Hawaii's economy. Visitors from other states and countries arrive with their mobile devices and rely upon those devices to connect them to products and services provided by our businesses. The AT&T/T-Mobile merger will provide a better network experience for those travellers, which will in turn provide a benefit to Hawaii's economy.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the merger's approval.

Sincerely,

Jim Tollefson
President & CEO

CC: Chairman Julius Genachowski, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner Michael Copps,
Commissioner Robert McDowell

